GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Flour Prices
Nete Shri Ashok Mahadeorao

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the steep increase in the prices of flour by the mills and has received complaints in this regard during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to rein in such flour mills and control the price of flour?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : According to Wholesale Price Index (WPI) data brought out by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), the prices of wheat flour have increased by 7.57% over the year in June, 2016 as against an increase of 5.54% recorded during May, 2016. No complaints with regard to increase in price of flour by mills have been received by this Department.

(c) : Government through Food Corporation of India sells wheat at pre-determined prices in the open market from time to time under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) to enhance the supply of wheat especially during the lean season to moderate open market prices in the deficit regions.
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